

NO COMPROMISE, BRITISH REPLY TO GERMAN PROFFER

English Government Takes the
Kaiser's Proposal as Sign of
Weakening and Says Chal-
lenge of Blockade Accepted.

CABINET REJECTS ALL; PLANS TO RETALIATE

King George Expected to Call
Privy Council and Sign Pro-
clamation Declaring Embargo
on Food to Germany.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Germany's
proposal that England abandon
her embargo upon foodstuffs con-
signed to Germany or German
citizens, was presented to the
cabinet at an extraordinary ses-
sion by Foreign Sec'y Grey
today. According to reliable re-
ports the German proposal was
rejected in its entirety.
At the conclusion of the cabi-
net meeting it was announced
that King George would hold a
privy council late today or tomor-
row. It is expected that at the
privy council the king will sign a
proclamation prohibiting the
transportation of foodstuffs to
Germany and setting forth the
various retaliatory methods
adopted against Germany because
of its threatened blockade.
After Sir Edward Grey had
presented to the cabinet the
proposition of compromise made
by Germany, the members were
informed by Winston Spencer
Churchill, head of the admiralty,
of the plans that had been
made to retaliate against Ger-
many. These are understood to
include a blockade of the Ger-
man coast.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—"No com-
promise." This is the attitude of
the British government in reference to
the German proposal transmitted through
the American government that if
England will permit the passage of
foodstuffs for the civilians of the
kaiser's empire the British admiral-
ty will rescind its order establishing a
war zone about the British Isles.
That the government has the full
support of the public is shown by the
enthusiasm aroused by the declara-
tion of Winston Churchill, first lord
of the admiralty, that "Germany can
not be allowed to adopt a policy of
open piracy and murder." The London
newspapers declare that Germany's
proffer is an indication that the
kaiser's government is weakening
before the storm aroused in neutral
countries such as the United States,
Italy and Holland by its warning that
neutral shipping is liable to suffer.
The comment of the press may be
summarized thus:
"Germany has challenged us. We
have accepted the challenge. Now let
Germany begin its operations in
declaring a blockade of British coasts.
It has defied the very instrument of
warfare of which it is in terror—the
British fleet."

Times Praises Navy.
The London Times gives high
praise to the navy and to the work of
Churchill, asserting that the navy has
and is exerting a powerful influence
upon the fortunes of the land cam-
paign.
"The result is visible in the desper-
ate and futile threats now being ut-
tered by the German government,
threats which Churchill promptly
met with a contemptuous condemnation,"
says the Times. "The submarine
menace has had no great mat-
terial effect upon the war nor is it
likely to modify at this stage the grip
in which the German navy is tightly
held."
English naval critics assert that the
German threat to sow mines in the
waters along the coasts promises
nothing new, citing the fact that the
neutral and German merchant ships
chantmen have already been badly
damaged or sunk by these floating in-
struments of war. Although Holland
has protested to Germany against
this action the latter government is
the first to act upon the warning that
neutral ships will be impelled in
British and French waters. The
Royal Dutch Steamship Co. has can-
celled its sailing to the French ports
and other companies are expected to
do the same.

The Westminster Gazette, which
voices the opinion of the cabinet, an-
nounced today that the time for bar-
gaining had passed.
"Germany must understand that we
are not going to be driven from the
legitimate strokes of war by threats to
commit piracy and murder unless we
submit to her views," says an official
inspired editorial. "There is nothing
in the war comparable with her calm
intimation to these that they must
look out for their own safety when
she chooses to discharge a torpedo."
"That is one of the issues that must
finally be cleared up. There is no
more room for bluffing or bargaining."
Will Consider Prize Court.
Announcement was made today that
Premier Asquith will be asked in
parliament tomorrow whether the
government will consider the estab-
lishment of a joint prize court con-
sisting of representatives of Britain and
the United States with a view of avoid-
ing a recurrence of the dispute be-
tween the two countries in regarding
to neutrality.
The Pall Mall Gazette again at-
tacked Germany's policy of warfare
although it declared that England has
nothing to fear. This paper said:
"The underlying suggestion in the
German reply to the American note is
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May Turn Vacant Lots Into Gardens To Employ and Feed The Unemployed of City

That South Bend may be a Garden
City before another summer has past
is not an idle prediction. Agitation to
make it such is already under way.
In view of the many hundreds of
men that are out of employment in
the city and the probability that they
will be for several months to come,
the plan has been suggested of giving
these men profitable employment by
making gardeners out of them. To
do this would require the assistance
of the real estate men of the city.
For it is estimated that there are
enough vacant lots in the city to give
all the unemployed work on them
during the spring and summer and at
the end enough products would ac-
cure to provide these men and their
families with food for the following
winter.

If the real estate men will turn
over their lots to the men to let them
turn them into gardens it is held a
big step will be taken toward
at least if not the whole problem of
unemployment.
Mayor Keller says there are hun-
dreds of lots about the city lying idle
that are capable of making excellent
gardens. A rough, approximate esti-
mate of the amount of idle land
around the city was placed at 500
acres by the mayor. This is distrib-
uted in various parts. The largest
part of it is believed to be in the
southwestern and northern sections
of the city.

Barnes Behind Plan.
A plan to utilize this is already
under way by the municipal real es-
tate department under Director F. B.
Barnes. Mr. Barnes has a committee
now at work investigating the possi-

CLARK COMES TO AID OF VESSEL PURCHASE BILL

House Democratic Caucus De-
cides to Support Measure by
Vote of 154 to 29 After an
All-Night Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Speaker
Champ Clark came to the aid of the
administration ship purchase bill in
the house democratic caucus and
rallied the wavering members with
the result that the caucus early today,
after an all-night session adopted
the measure by a vote of 154 to 29. It
was announced that 17 democrats,
among them Majority Leader-elect
Kitchin and Rep. Fitzgerald of New
York, will not vote for the bill when
it is taken up in the house and put
through under the special rule limit-
ing debate to six hours. The vote was
taken at 2:30 o'clock this morning and
the caucus then adjourned.
Speaker Clark brought many wavering
members back into line with this
word of warning:
"You have wandered in the wilder-
ness for 16 years and you will wander
there again unless you follow the
leadership of your party."
The speaker pointed out that while
he is opposed to the theory of govern-
ment ownership, the ship bill was an
emergency measure and the house
should not stand in the way of its
passage because the senate probably
would dilute it against it "until
dooms day."

First Vote Shows Effect.
The first vote, which showed the
effect of the speaker's advice, was
taken shortly before 1 o'clock when a
suggestion by Rep. Page of North
Carolina that the ships acquired under
the act be excluded from the merchant
trade two years after the European
war has ended, was defeated 118 to 38.
Rep. Fitzgerald joined Rep. Page in
opposing the bill. He announced he
could not be bound by caucus action
because of his views against govern-
ment ownership in any form.
Rep. Fletcher of Alabama helped the
fight when he announced he had in-
formation that President Wilson had
decided to abandon the extra session
idea.
Senate leaders today planned to
"pass time" by discussing the pro-
posals for general and special cloture
of the bill. They proposed to keep
away from discussion of the shipping
bill until the house shall have passed
the substitute for the Weeks naval
mail line measure. Then "there will
be something doing," it was stated.

SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR MAIL SERVICE

Postoffice Department Advertises for
Bids on Supplying Vehicles for
Four Years.
Postmaster-General Burleson has
issued a general advertisement invit-
ing proposals for supplying vehicles
during the four years' contract period
beginning July 1, next, for mail de-
livery and collection and "ser-
vice" mail. The proposals must be
delivered at Washington by April
16, 1915. The service in this city
calls for four screen wagons (for two
motor screen wagons), one motor and
four delivery wagons.

CHANGE MEETING DATE OF MASTER HORSESHOERS

The date of the state Master Horse-
shoers' convention to be held here
has been changed from May 15 and
16 to May 8 and 9. The sessions will
be held at the Oliver hotel. Chris
Wunderlink of Evansville is president
of the association and Tim McGrath
of Fort Wayne is secretary.

billies and a scheme of putting them
into use. A report from this com-
mittee is expected in a few days.
Speaking of the project, Director
Barnes held it quite feasible. If South
Bend land is as valuable as that in
other cities, and it is believed to be,
it is safe to say that perhaps a mil-
lion dollars worth of garden truck
could be raised in the city. This is
based on an estimate that an expert
made in Kansas City. He figured that
an acre of ground in that city was
capable of raising \$3,000 worth of
truck. Should this estimate hold in
South Bend it can be easily figured
how much garden truck could be
raised in this city on 500 acres.
Should the estimate of South Bend go
below that of Kansas City, still the
value of the truck that could be
raised here would be large.

Success in Detroit.
Several years ago the scheme was
tried in Detroit and proved success-
ful to a remarkable degree. Thou-
sands of men were given work while
the product they raised was all their
own at the end of the season. Direc-
tor Barnes' scheme would be to put it
all under scientific management.
With an expert head to whom all
could go for advice it is believed that
wonderful results could be obtained in
the city. Director Barnes' plan would
further include the regular publica-
tion of lessons on gardening for the
benefit of the men working the lots.
The scheme was also tried in Phil-
adelphia and proved a success. If
real estate men will take the move
and give over their lots in South Bend
it is held that it would be equally
successful here.

BRITISH TRENCHES ARE RECAPTURED FROM GERMANS

Paris Official Statement Con-
firms Teutons' Claim of Ad-
vances Near St. Eloi—No
Infantry Actions Reported.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—The recapture of
British trenches captured by Germans
in Flanders is announced in an official
communiqué issued here this after-
noon. The statement that the British
troops had regained their lost
ground was the first official confirma-
tion given here of the claim made in
Berlin yesterday, that the Germans
had won a success near St. Eloi.
The text of the communiqué fol-
lows:
"The British troops recaptured yester-
day the two trenches which they
had lost the night before between St.
Eloi and the Ypres canal."
"On the battle front of the French
armies the day of Feb. 15 was gener-
ally calm. No infantry actions were
reported. Our artillery won success
and particularly important."
Concentrate Against British.
Again are the Germans concentrat-
ing their pressure against the British
on the northern end of the allies' bat-
tle line and it is officially claimed by
the kaiser's government that the in-
vaders have made a material gain on
the Ypres-Menin road in West Fland-
ers. According to the German war
office the English have lost some
trenches near St. Eloi, which is two
and a half miles south of Ypres. If
this claim is true, it means that the
British, holding the front south of
Ypres, have been compelled to fall
back about seven miles. All official
information which has come from the
French and British war offices has in-
dicated that the allies' front in West
Flanders was east of Wytscheate,
Zillebeke and Gheluvelt. The British
have held Ypres for months, although
the town has been within range of the
heavy German mortars which bomb-
arded it from time to time.
It has been customary for the Ger-
mans in Belgium to bombard the
Belgian, French and British trenches
every day. If the cannonade were
unusually heavy the allies might know
it would be followed by an infantry
attack. Otherwise the Germans were
content to take their chances of killing
a few of the enemy with their desultory
fire.

Near Bethune, La Bassée, Arras, and
in the Aisne valley the French artillery
has been engaged in the throwing of
heavy shells against the German
field works, some of which were
made untenable by the artillery fire.
North of Verdun fighting for posses-
sion of trenches is again in progress.
South of the Meuse in the Voivre
district in the Vosges and in Alsace
Lorraine, hard fighting is in progress
in the mountain valleys which are
deep with snow. The Germans have
been carrying on an intermittent big
gun fire against the cities held by the
French, damaging them heavily.

SECURE 130 MEMBERS

Charter List of Rifle Club Includes
Business Men.
A charter membership of 130 was
the result of the efforts of the pro-
moters of the South Bend Rifle club
who have been securing charter mem-
bers from among business men during
the last three weeks. The charter has
been sent for and is expected within
the next few days. There will be a
meeting of the executive board of the
club Wednesday night at which time
further plans will be discussed.

DRUGGIST TAKES APPEAL.
Ralph H. Kuss, druggist at 907 S.
Michigan st., charged with selling
liquor without a license, has taken an
appeal from the city court to the su-
perior court. The evidence was se-
cured by Quilhot. Kuss was fined \$25
in the lower court.

U. S. IS EXPECTED TO OPPOSE ORDER BARRING ALL FOOD OF BRITISH COAST

Proposed Proclamation by
Britain Eliminating Condi-
tional Contraband Is Likely
to Elicit Strong Objections.

SIX NATIONS PROTEST WAR ZONE ON SEA

Germany's Expectations Ful-
filled When Representations
Are Made by Holland, Italy,
Greece, Norway, Denmark.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The
full text of Great Britain's reply
to the United States of Dec. 26,
protesting against interference
with United States shipping at sea
was taken up by Pres't Wilson
personally today. It required
several days to translate the docu-
ment from the diplomatic code,
the reply being of such length
that it would fill about six col-
umns of a newspaper. The docu-
ment was taken to the white
house by Sec'y Bryan. The text
will probably be given out sim-
ultaneously in London and Wash-
ington as negotiations toward
that end are in progress now.

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON,
Feb. 16.—The new doctrine soon to
be promulgated by Great Britain
concerning the capture of foodstuffs
band is expected to be opposed by the
United States. There was evidence
today that the state department will
dispute any pronouncement which
eliminates entirely conditional con-
traband from neutral ships in time of
war.
The representations made to Eng-
land in the Wilhelmnia case will
bring this issue to a focus. It is un-
derstood in Washington that Eng-
land will cache the cargo of the Wil-
helmnia on account of the German war
zone declaration, and will at the same
time issue a statement of her policy
regarding the capture of foodstuffs
from the entire German coast.

It is now evident that Great Britain
intends to keep all American food-
stuffs out of Germany, and the
American government is preparing to
question the British right to keep
such importations from the civilian
population of the German empire.
Jockey for Positions.
Great Britain and Germany are
jockeying for the prize position in
the diplomatic game that is to follow.
Germany has offered to withdraw her
war zone declaration if England will
allow the Wilhelmnia to reach a Ger-
man port. Great Britain contends
that the Wilhelmnia's cargo has been
made absolute contraband by the de-
claration of the German government con-
fiscating all foodstuffs. Germany
insists that the cargo is not contraband
because it is for non-combatants. Great
Britain replies that even if this were
true, it merely releases other food-
stuffs for capture. On the other hand,
the British are ready to accept the
front, and therefore may rightly be
called absolute contraband.
Developments in the case will not
come until the prize court makes a
decision in regard to the Wilhelmnia's
cargo. What is done by the Amer-
ican position will be made known.

SIX NATIONS PROTEST AGAINST WAR ZONE ORDER.

BERLIN (Via Amsterdam), Feb.
16.—Germany's expectation that neu-
tral countries would protest against
the proclamation of a war zone
around the British Isles and along the
Belgian coast has been amply ful-
filled. This far six countries, the
United States, Holland, Italy, Greece,
Norway and Denmark have made
representations through their envoys
here to the foreign office. The pro-
tests are couched in friendly terms
and are to be answered in the same
manner. A preliminary reply has al-
ready been sent to the United States,
Italy and Holland, it was said at the
foreign office today. Denmark, Greece,
and Norway will be answered im-
mediately. Sweden has thus far
taken no action.

The replies made by the German
government to the full responsibility
for the situation upon England, point-
ing out that the action of that coun-
try in cutting off the food supply of
German civilians has forced Germany
to adopt retaliatory measures.
Assurances are given that Ger-
many's naval forces will do everything
in their power to avoid injuring
neutral ships, but it is asserted that
England's policy of having its vessels
diverted along the coast of Denmark
endangers the ships of those nations.

Will Remain Firm.
The German statement is a full ex-
position of the admiralty's attitude
and its desire to maintain the friendly
international relations now existing
between the empire and the neutral
countries, but it is also a firm avowal
that this government will remain firm
in its policy of exterminating Eng-
land's merchant vessels at sea.
"England maintains its policy to
"starve Germany."
"We are confident that the neutral
countries will understand Germany's
position thoroughly as a result of the
replies sent to their notes of in-
quiry," says the Tages Zeitung
editorially today. "We have accepted
the conditions laid down by England.
She and she alone is responsible for
the situation that threatened for a
time to cause misunderstandings be-
tween Germany and the neutral coun-
tries. This has been cleared up. Now
England will have to answer for the
policy that caused our action."
The Kreuz Zeitung speaks in a
similar strain, though showing no
change in its attitude toward what it
calls "American unneutrality."

ZEPPELINS WILL BE IN BLOCKADE OF BRITISH COAST

Air Craft to Be Used to Drop
Bombs on English Ships
Which Escape the Cordon of
Submarines.

GERMANS TAKE TWO TOWNS IN POLAND

Capture of Plock and Biesk An-
nounced in Berlin—Aus-
trians Rout 50,000 Rus-
sians in Battle of Delatyn.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Feb.
16.—Zeppelin airships will partici-
pate in the blockade of the British
coast, the Vossische Zeitung an-
nounced on official authority today.
It is reported that the craft will be
used to drop bombs upon British
ships that escape from the submarine
cordon to be established in English
waters.
The Lokai Anzeiger states that Ger-
many is prepared to strew the Brit-
ish coast with mines. This state-
ment arouses the belief here that
German mine layers are hidden in ac-
cessible reach of the British coast
and are ready to move as soon as the
blockade is begun.
That England will attempt to em-
broil Germany and neutral nations is
the hint made in an official state-
ment issued by the German press bureau
today. It follows:
"It is believed in German shipping
circles that it will aid England's in-
terests if conflicts arise between Ger-
many and neutral states. It is impos-
sible, therefore, that neutral
ships will be purposely sunk by Brit-
ish submarines."
"It is also known that England has
laid large quantities of mines against
German submarines."

Capture Two Towns.

The capture of Plock and Biesk,
two towns of northern Poland, on the
right bank of the Vistula river, by
German troops, is announced in an
official report from the German gen-
eral staff issued here this afternoon.
It states that these two towns were
taken after a short fight which re-
sulted in the capture of about 1,000
prisoners. The report also claims
success on the Russian frontier and in
Flanders, where the British efforts to
retake trenches have failed. The an-
nouncement of the capture of Plock
is the most important that has been
made since the Russian defeat in
East Prussia. Plock is less than 50
miles west-northwest of Novogeorgi-
vsk, the great fortress which the Rus-
sians have been fighting to capture.
Warsaw from the northwest. Biesk
is a few miles north-northeast of
Plock. The German successes in this
region show that the Russian drive
toward Thorn has been completely
checked and that the czar's troops are
being rapidly forced back in northern
Poland.

Here's Official Report.
The general staff's report follows:
"Western war theater.—The enemy's
attacks against the trenches taken by
the Germans from the British near St.
Eloi were repulsed yesterday. Other-
wise there were no important events.
"Eastern war theater.—Our pursuit
of and continued fighting with the
enemy on and beyond the Prussian
frontier are proceeding very favor-
ably. In Poland, north of the Vis-
tula, the Germans occupied Biesk
and Plock after a short fight. A num-
ber of prisoners were taken."

DEFEAT 80,000 RUSSIANS

VIENNA (via Berlin and Amster-
dam), Feb. 16.—Eighty thousand
Russian troops were defeated in the
battle of Delatyn on Saturday and
driven in rout through Nadworna
and back toward Stanislaw. It is officially
reported in dispatches received at the
war office today. A brief announce-
ment that Nadworna had been occu-
pied was made last night, but today
details of the conflict that resulted in
its capture were received here.
The battle of Delatyn is declared to
have been the "greatest battle fought
on the soil of Galicia and a battle
that resulted in a complete triumph
for the Austrian troops and their Ger-
man allies."

Make Last Stand at Hill.
Two entire Russian corps were over-
whelmed by the Austrian troops that
backed toward Panty and Jablonica
passes. In a night attack the
allied troops destroyed wire entangle-
ments about the Russian position and
opened their main attack at dawn.
The Russians were compelled to with-
draw after a six-hour fight. The re-
treating Russians made a last stand at
hill No. 421, at the bottom of whose
northern slopes Nadworna is located.
Attacking under the fire of the Rus-
sian artillery, the Austrian and Ger-
man troops captured the hill and
drove the Russians down the northern
slope into Nadworna.

Hand-to-hand fighting in the streets
of Nadworna lasted for three hours.
In the meantime the Austrian and
German cavalry struck the columns
of troops leaving there for Stanislaw
and captured hundreds. They cut off
the retreat of the Russian soldiers
still in the town and all were forced
to surrender.
The Austrians claim to have taken
7,000 prisoners and they counted
more than 2,000 dead among the Rus-
sians. They believe that the day's fighting the
Russians lost more than 13,000.

COURT PERMITS ADOPTION.
An order has been handed down by
Judge Funk granting permission to
Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Moore to adopt
Dorothy Cunningham, five months
old, daughter of Homes C. Cunning-
ham, 221 W. Joseph st., Mishawaka.

CONFESSES SLAYING OF TWO BROTHERS Youth Says He Murdered Men Because of Beating They Gave Him.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—
Carefully ironed with heavy chains
and closely guarded to prevent bodily
harm from the outside, Clyde Stover,
the self-confessed slayer of the Gar-
ner brothers, arrived in Jacksonville
and left late last night for Palatka,
Fla., where the murders were com-
mitted, in charge of Sheriff R. L.
Kennerly. He will be closely guard-
ed during the remainder of the jour-
ney. Stover last night told the story
of the crime, stating that he killed
the two men Jan. 30, after they had
beaten him because he had not killed
a hog. Stover says H. C. Gardner
beat him severely and threatened to
inflict further punishment. Fearing
they would kill him, Stover says he
seized a shotgun and killed Horace
Gardner. He took \$18 from the dead
man's pockets and went toward the
camp. Nearing the camp he met
Alonzo Gardner and accompanied him
to hunt rabbits. They soon returned
to the camp, where Stover says he
realized the only way for him to es-
cape was to kill Alonzo, which he did,
shooting him in the back of the head.
He took \$22 from Alonzo's pockets,
boarded the launch and escaped.
Stover declares he intended to sur-
render, but wanted to see his old
home in Tennessee before he was
jailed.
The negro will conduct the officers
to the place where he killed Horace
Gardner, whose body is still missing.

Palatka, Fla., Feb. 16.—Clyde
Stover, in charge of Sheriff Kennerly
of this county, arrived early today
and was taken to jail. The city is
quiet and no violence is anticipated.

TWENTY-SEVEN SHIPS FACE GERMAN MINES

All Will Arrive in War Zone
Waters After Feb. 18 When
Proclamation Is Effective.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Twenty-
seven steamships, sailing from New
York face the torpedoes and mines of
the Germans in the waters around
England, for all of the vessels will
arrive after Feb. 18, when the war
zone proclamation by the German ad-
miralty goes into effect. Two of the
ships are passenger vessels, the largest
being the Adriatic of the White Star
line, which should arrive in Liverpool
on the 19th. The other is the steam-
ship Bergensfjord, a Norwegian ves-
sel, which will be in the North sea
after Thursday.
The complete list of steamships and
their nationality follows:
Americk, British, for Rotterdam;
Suruga, American, for Gothenburg;
Wieringen, Dutch, for Rotterdam;
Sork, Dutch, for London; Philadel-
phia, American, for Liverpool; Man-
hattan, British, for London; Orunda,
British, for Liverpool; Niakara,
French, for Havre; Menominee, Brit-
ish, for London; Sverdrup, for Hull;
Storgberg, Norwegian, for Sver-
borg; Chatton, British, for Cardiff;
Cushing, American, for Copen-
hagen; Suram, British, for London;
Hull, British, for London; Gorda,
Norwegian, for Bergen; Kansan,
American, for London; Vestris, Brit-
ish, for Havre; Crios, Greek, for Rot-
terdam; Adriatic, British, for Liver-
pool; Vidar, Swedish, for Copen-
hagen; Francisco, British, for Hull;
Kansas City, British, for Bristol;
Northern, British, for Havre; Cor-
nelie, Dutch, for Rotterdam; Great
City, British, for Rotterdam; New
York, Dutch, for London; Philadel-
phia, American, for Liverpool; Man-
hattan, British, for London; Orunda,
British, for Liverpool; Niakara,
French, for Havre; Menominee, Brit-
ish, for London.

\$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT IS SETTLED FOR \$850

The damage suit of \$10,000 of
Charles Mudge, administrator for
Frank Mudge against the Baltimore
and Ohio railway, was compromised
Tuesday afternoon in circuit court for
\$850. The damages were sought for
the death of Frank Mudge, who it was
alleged, was killed on the B. & O. rail-
way.

HEAD OF METHODIST DISTRICT IS DEAD

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 16.—Rev. H.
N. Herick, district superintendent in
the Northern Indiana Methodist con-
ference is dead at his home here,
active and hearty disease caused his
death, which was unexpected. Her-
ick was born in Fort Wayne in 1847.

MEATS SHOULD BE TWO TO FIVE CENTS CHEAPER

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Your butcher
should be selling fresh meats from
two to five cents a pound cheaper to-
day than he was last Christmas, ac-
cording to a comparison of wholesale
prices made public today by Jay R.
Brown, editor of the Drovers' Journal.
The figures follow:
No. 1 Ribs.....Dec. 15 Today
15 1/2 15 1/2
No. 1 Loin.....23 1/2 18 1/2
No. 1 Round.....12 1/2 11 1/2
Chuck.....12 1/2 11 1/2
If the prices at the retail stores
have not been reduced, said the editor
of the Journal, your butcher is making
the biggest profit in years.

SUES ON ACCOUNT.
Action has been brought in the su-
perior court by the Central Electric
Co. against Stanley Katus and others
to collect \$500 alleged to be due for
supplies and labor.

TAGGART DEFIES PROOF OF CHARGE OF HIS "BOSSISM"

French Lick Man Demands
Senate Investigate Asser-
tions of Indianapolis News
Regarding Plots Charged.

SUFFRAGE MEASURE IS RECEIVED BY HOUSE

"Votes for Women" Bill Is Re-
ferred to Judiciary Commit-
tee—Primary Bill Report to
Be Heard on Tuesday.

INDIANA'S 69TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE NEWS-TIMES INDIANAPOLIS BUREAU

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16.—
Demand was made upon the Indiana
state senate today by Thomas Taggart
of French Lick, that an investigation
be made by that body as to the extent
of the "bossism" charged against him
by the Indianapolis News, as being
exercised over the upper branch of
the legislature.

Mr. Taggart would have both him-
self and the editors of the News
brought before the senate, and placed
under oath, the former regarding the
influence exercised by him, and the
latter with respect to the source of
their information. Other witnesses are
to be called in if the senate deems it
desirable and from the mass of knowl-
edge obtained, the senate body will
then be expected to decide whether or
not the News' allegations are true, as
to its being bossered by Taggart, and
announcing the demand for a probe.

Action May Come Soon.
An appropriate resolution receiving
the demand and taking the require-
ments thereof into account was passed
by the senate, to be followed, accord-
ing to the provisions of the constitution.
Charges on the floor of the senate
made last Thursday by Sen. Ballou of
Lagrange and reiterated Saturday by
Sen. Adams of Clinton, both dem-
ocrats, appear to have been the basis of
the News charges. The two senators
alleged that organization backed con-
spiracies that had been leveled against
Sen. Ballou, and certain of his meas-
ures, for disciplinary purposes, he hav-
ing refused to vote for the Ball bill to
provide a board of finance for the city
of Indianapolis.

The News flatly put responsibility
for these alleged conspiracies against
Ballou measures, up to Mr. Taggart,
and hence the demand for a probe.

Introduce Suffrage Bill.
In an effort to learn the attitude of
the Indiana legislature on the ques-
tion of woman suffrage, the legisla-
ture today introduced a bill giving the
women the right to vote for city, county,
state and national officers. The bill
was referred to house committee on
judiciary.

A lively light was indulged in over
the Jenkins bill to appropriate \$15,-
000 for Indiana Negroes who desire
to attend the semi-centennial celebra-
tion of the colored race in Chicago.
The bill finally was killed by the adop-
tion of the committee report unfav-
orable to the measure.

Thirty-five bills were killed today
in the house. 12 were advanced to a
second reading and 16 were passed.
In the senate Sen. Rinear enlisted
the session by springing a demand
that his standing primary bill be
reported out of the committee. He
said he had introduced the measure
more than 25 days ago and had not
been able to get committee action on
it. Chairman Van Aken replied that
the committee had a heavy surcu-
lar with other work. On a motion by
Sen. Van Nuyt the senate voted to
hear a committee report on the meas-
ure tomorrow morning.

Van Nuyt Defeated.
Sen. Van Nuyt, democratic floor
leader, suffered defeat today in an
argument with Sen. Robinson, republi-
can. A resolution presented by Rob-
inson demanding that all senate bills be
printed before they were called for
third reading was opposed by Van
Nuyt, but the senate voted to adopt
the Robinson resolution.